CODY URBAN DEER CLASSIFICATION/TREND SURVEY – 2016

Summary of 2016 Efforts

On 12/15/2016 11 WGFD personnel conducted a classification/trend survey of deer within the city limits of Cody. The city was broken out into 10 Count Blocks (Figure 1), and all deer encountered were classified into sex/age categories (adult buck, yearling buck, doe, fawn). Surveys were initiated at approximately 2:00pm and continued until dark, approximately 5:00pm. Areas out of, but adjacent to the City Limits of Cody were surveyed soon after. These areas included the County Road 2ABN area immediately north of Cody, and the Cooper Lane and Sage Creek areas immediately to the east of Cody.

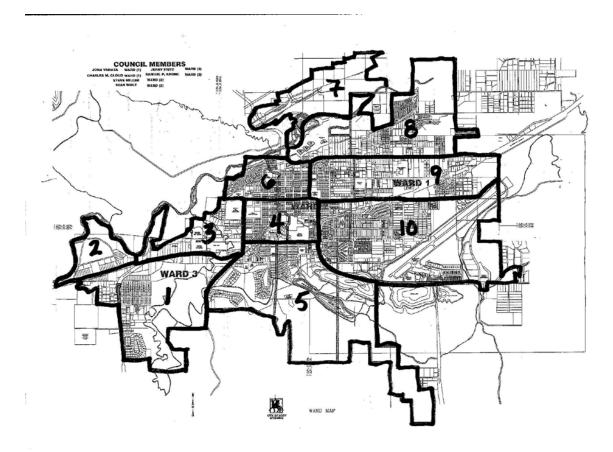


Figure 1. Cody Urban Deer Survey Count Blocks.

Results of 2016 Survey

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Mule Deer Observations

Location	Ad Bucks	Yrl Bucks	Does	Fawns	Unknown	Total		
CB1	3	4	7	5	0	19		
CB2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CB3	2	2	18	10	0	32		
CB4	0	2	3	0	0	5		
CB5	2	4	15	8	0	29		
CB6	3	3	12	7	0	25		
CB7	5	2	23	19	0	49		
CB8	1	2	12	2	0	17		
CB9	1	2	14	14	0	31		
CB10	6	4	26	15	0	51		
TOTAL	23	25	130	80	0	258		
37 bucks:100 does, 62 fawns:100 does								
Other Areas Adjacent to Cody City Limits								
2ABN	7	6	21	13	1	48		
Cooper	7	6	57	27	3	100		
Lane								
Lower	1	0	6	3	1	11		
Sage								
Creek								
Upper	3	0	20	10	19	52		
Sage								
Creek								
TOTAL	18	12	104	53	24	211		
29 bucks:100 does, 51 fawns:100 does								

A total of 261 deer (258 mule deer and 3 white-tailed deer) were observed within the City Limits of Cody, and an additional 245 deer (211 mule deer and 34 white-tailed deer) were observed in adjacent areas. Mule deer fawn:doe ratios were 62:100 in the City Limits and 51:100 outside the city limits. Total buck ratios were 39:100 in the city limits and 29:100 out of the city limits. Yearling buck ratios were 19:100 in the city limits and 12:100 out of the city limits. The total number of deer observed in the City Limits from 2011 to 2016 has not varied substantially (2011=307, 2012=261, 2013=296, 2014=272, 2015=290, and 2016=261).

Mule Deer Counts

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Count Block	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	35	42	59	57	60	19
2	0	0	0	24	9	0
3	68	41	49	0	26	32
4	25	16	12	11	15	5
5	56	46	43	32	43	29
6	10	18	9	22	33	25
7	42	25	27	0	0	49
8	1	8	18	31	34	17
9	20	33	26	7	22	31
10	50	30	49	84	41	51
Total	307	259	292	268	283	258
2ABN	55	55	4	33	55	48
Cooper Lane	114	93	96	78	78	100
Lower Sage Cr	43	28	10	38	25	11
Upper Sage Cr	52	58	52	37	79	52
Total	264	234	162	186	237	211

White-Tailed Deer Counts

Count Block	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	0	2	4	0	7	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	0	0	0	4	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	4	4	7	3
2ABN	0	8	40	6	0	0
Cooper Lane	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lower Sage Cr	79	0	16	45	27	0
Upper Sage Cr	0	12	36	24	67	34
Total	79	20	92	75	94	34